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Dear Interested Party:

Recently, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Winnemucca District (WD) issued a Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA), DOI-BLM-NV-W010-2013-0072-DNA and a "Full Force and Effect" Decision Record (DR) for the Porcupine Fire Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation (ESR) Project.

This decision authorizes the drill seeding, or broadcast seeding/harrowing of 125 acres with Wyoming big sagebrush, fourwing saltbush, bluebunch wheatgrass, Sandberg's bluegrass and/or other site-adapted native plants, and conducting noxious weed inventories and treatments on up to 20 acres each year through the winter of 2016. The decision to implement the proposed action immediately relies on authority under the Healthy Forests Restoration Act and associated BLM regulations under 43 CFR 5003.1 (b). This project meets the determination requirement as an authorized project covered by the Act, as the project stabilizes and rehabilitates lands damaged by wildfire.

The Porcupine Fire was ignited by lightning on June 9, 2013 and contained on June 10, 2013. The fire burned 375 acres of BLM managed public lands within the Andorno Allotment. All of the Porcupine Fire is classified as Greater Sage Grouse winter-range as defined by Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW). Approximately 200 acres of the Porcupine Fire is classified as mule deer crucial winter habitat, and 136 acres are classified as bighorn sheep habitat. Drill seeding, broadcast seeding and harrowing, and broadcast seeding without associated soil disturbance are authorized to stabilize soils, and restore shrub cover through the use of native, competitive perennial grasses and shrubs. Hand planting of sagebrush and other site-adapted native plants is authorized to accelerate recovery of wildlife habitat in areas unsuitable for use of mechanized seeding equipment.

The final Porcupine Fire ESR Project DNA, location maps, and DR can be viewed online at http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/wfo/blm_information/nepa0.html. Hardcopies of these documents are available upon request.

If you do not agree with and feel that you are adversely affected by this decision you may file a Notice of Appeal (see enclosed Form 1842-1, September 2006).

If you have any questions or need more information please contact Eric Baxter, Project Lead at the BLM Winnemucca District Office at 775-623-1586.

Sincerely,

/s Derek Messmer 12/11/2013

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Enclosure:

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